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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Prices were unchanged in all areas throughout the week with the exception of producer prices in the Midwest where mediums were 2 cents lower. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to good best into areas with scattered feature activity. Supplies ranged mostly adequate to fully adequate with mediums in the longest position. Breaking stock prices were unchanged while check and undergrade prices were lower to unchanged. Offerings were in close balance to available. Demand was light to moderate as most breakers who were in need of product have covered their needs. Floor stocks were in a full range of closely balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Removal costs for spent hens were mostly unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings were adequate to barely adequate for next week's delivery and caused some slaughter schedules to be cut back due to lack of available birds. Demand was moderate to good. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-11 cents, mostly 6-9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for mediums with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was in a full range of light to good and generally better into areas with scattered feature activity. Loose egg sales were usually light. Supplies were adequate to ample, mostly fully adequate for current needs with mediums in the longest position. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were in close balance to available with demand light to moderate as most needs were currently covered. Floor stocks closely balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. **RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	62-71	65-68			
LARGE	61-70	63-66			
MEDIUM	51-60	53-56			
MIDWEST AREA: IA	A,IL,IN,KY,N	/II,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV			
Western NY, and Western PA					

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. The market tone remained steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were mostly adequate to about adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	71-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	56-69	61-63

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Nov 25, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.00	71.00	62.00
SOUTHEAST	76.50	74.50	61.00
MIDWEST	66.50	64.50	54.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	76.50	60.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.25	71.83	59.50

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN 11-29-05 11-22-05 11-30-04 47-55 43-52 43-52 Large 33-39 16-21 Medium 33-39

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- NOVEMBER 28, 2005 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

	(NO	so	so	-,	5-Area
	No	ortheast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.2	18.2	7.1	12.3	12.5	60.3
	Change	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.6	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.0	50.3	10.4	26.5	32.0	145.2
	Change	-0.1	6.4	2.5	10.2	-6.7	9%
Large	Curr Wk	39.1	117.9	48.5	86.0	88.1	379.6
	Change	-6.7	14.3	7.3	9.1	-8.6	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	63.2	15.4	20.4	32.4	144.0
	Change	-1.2	10.9	-1.4	-1.6	3.0	7%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	4.6	0.6	5.2	3.5	17.9
	Change	0.6	-0.8	0.2	1.1	0.2	8%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	34.6	11.6	15.6	5.8	71.0
	Change	-0.2	5.9	2.6	2.0	0.9	19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.5	53.4	16.5	23.5	30.9	137.8
	Change	-5.2	18.8	-3.7	4.0	7.4	18%
Total	Curr Wk	108.8	342.2	110.1	189.5	205.2	955.8
Percent	Change	-11%	19%	7%	15%	-2%	8%

TOTAL			Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	955.8 240.9	8% 26%	169 35
Total Shell Egg	1196.7	11%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 26-NOV-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

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(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)								
	(CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED	
	BF	ROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK			
CW	1,13	34,663	29,477	9,474	4,926	2,072	3,895	
PW	1,2	75,700	31,963	11,183	5,975	2,042	4,425	
LY	1,10	08,920	27,686	10,374	5,441	1,811	3,885	
% Chg P	WK	-11%	-8%	-15%	-18%	1%	-12%	
% Chg L'	Y	2%	6%	-9%	-9%	14%	0%	
2005	61,64	43,917	1,466,372	594,562	318,322	135,959	208,281	
2004	58,26	65,034	1,385,802	560,287	302,572	125,509	200,370	
% Chg Y	TD	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%	
Average	Yield	Per C	ase -	Current	Previ	ous	Last	
				Week	We	ek	Year	
(Inedible	Inclu	ıded)		42.10	41.	97	42.73	
(Inedible	Excl	uded)		38.67	38.	51	39.23	
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IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES	BROKEN	LIQUI	D WHOLE
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	544,716	48.0%	16,384	55.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	512,430	40.2%	14,659	45.9%
LAST YEAR	478,654	43.2%	13,251	47.9%

BROILER HATCHERY

	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed		
	19 Select	ed States	in 19 Sele	cted States	
STATE	NOV 19	NOV 26	NOV 19	NOV 26	
		Thousa	and		
AL	*30,847	31,414	*20,230	20,365	
AR	30,495	30,960	22,501	22,475	
DE	3,797	3,995	4,697	5,897	
FL	1,364	1,364	1,604	1,612	
GA	32,511	34,393	*24,600	26,158	
KY	*6,853	6,973	*5,563	5,854	
LA	4,136	4,136	3,852	3,507	
MD	8,787	8,952	*5,443	5,148	
MS	18,477	18,484	14,960	16,395	
NC	*18,409	18,729	*14,999	14,088	
OK	6,676	6,800	4,539	4,943	
PA	4,024	3,987	2,766	2,885	
SC	4,658	5,060	4,085	4,509	
TX	15,179	14,912	11,518	12,756	
VA	*6,377	6,388	*5,083	5,173	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,052	18,033	*17,311	17,002	
19 State Total	*210,642	214,580	*163,751	168,767	
Previous Year Total	208,330	210,096	162,518	165,545	
Pct. of Prev. Year * Revised	101	102	101	102	

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 07-Jan-06 is estimated at 153.3 million head. This compares to 151.6 million head the previous week and to 154.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.98 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/24/05-11/30/05 CURRENT LDS 69.50 FUTURE LDS 117.25 TOTAL LDS 186.75

	S	SE .	NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	49.50	56.50	50.50	52.00	47.40	52.00	60.00
GNR W 2	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.00
GNR W 3	_	_	42.00	44.00	_	_	1.00
GNR BR 1	_	76.00	_	_	75.00	78.00	4.00
GL W J	_	_	64.50	66.00	48.00	_	2.00
GL W XL	_	52.33	60.38	60.94	45.55	46.50	39.50
GL W LG	_	66.79	49.33	60.20	50.52	51.06	53.00
GL W MD	_	_	50.00	52.00	38.00	_	11.50
GL W SM	38.13	40.75	34.50	37.50	_	_	6.00
GL BR LG	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.00
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	36.50	36.20	30.00
NRBS - 45	_	_	42.00	46.00	_	35.00	3.00

<u>ETAIL CHAN</u>	NELS \	N/E 26-NO\	/-2005
CW	PW	PC ⁻	Γ CHG
THOUSAND	os	PW	LY
29.4	30.4	-3	4
3.6	3.2	13	-3
102.4	108.0	-5	60
26.3	27.8	-5	-7
9.1	4.9	86	44
110.7	118.0	-6	22
6.4	5.4	19	-10
30.5	31.9	-4	0
19.3	23.6	-18	-12
20.5	20.0	3	0
358.2	373.2	-4	19
366.4			
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LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 26-NOV-05								
YC	DUNG	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL				
HENS	TOMS	BREE	DERS	TURKEYS				
	THOL	JSANDS						
942	1,449	16	6	2,413				
15.66	38.91	26.80	24.14	29.72				
2,142	2,862	26	7	5,037				
844	1,516	8	15	2,383				
15.91	38.63	25.56	28.64	30.48				
85,973	121,261	1,160	208	208,602				
81,942	120,364	2,404	329	205,039				
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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS Week ending 26-NOV-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

Y	OUNG T	URKEY	S	OLD	TOTAL T	URKEYS
THO	JSAND	PCT CH	IG AVG	BANDE)	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSA	ND HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	223	-76	25.38	(A)	225	25.38
South Atlantic	334	-52	32.00	(A)	335	32.00
North Centra	1,288	-41	33.43	(A)	1,289	33.43
South Centra	l 277	-60	20.42	(A)	278	20.42
West	285	-47	22.79	(A)	286	22.79
U.S. total	2,407(B) -52	29.72	6	2,413	29.72
To-date						
2005 2	08,394(B)		208	208,602	
To-date						
2004 2	04.710(B)		329	205.039	

⁽A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

⁽B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 16,000; for the current year to date 1,160,000; for last year to date 2,404,000.

LIVE POULTRY S		R FEDER			(Preliminary)
W/E 26-Nov-200	5 YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS DUSAND	_	DUCKS
Head	126,447	819	940	1,759	374
Avg Wt Head sltr comp	5.48 arisons	3.27	8.25	5.93	7.25
Last week	163,621	1,427	1,444	2,871	526
Same wk yr ago Avg Wt	117,717 5.27	796 3.35	747 8.30	1,543 5.75	402 6.70
To-date/2005	7,558,850	- ,	66,376	133,457	- /
To-date/2004 (A) The estimate	7,348,148 ed number c	63,965 of frvers a	,	127,682 for marke	22,031 ting based on
the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was					
157.2 million he million head, or			•	•	

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERA	IL INSPECTION FOR V	VEEK ENDING 03-Dec-0
	Current Week	Previous Week
	12/03/05(1)	11/26/05
CLASS	THOUSAN	ND HEAD ———
Broiler/fryer	162,767(2)	127,235
Light hens	1,305	815
Heavy hens	1,433	904
Total	165,505	128,954
(1)ESTIMATED		

(2))The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Dec-05 is 158.0 million head compared to 164.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.1 million head or 5.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 10-Dec-05 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

•		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HE	AD	
WEEK ENDING	3	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT AVG	WT
October	22	165.8	160.7	103%	5.44
	29	166.6	162.2	103%	5.49
November	5	163.9	161.6	101%	5.47
	12	166.0	160.3	104%	5.53
	19	165.6	158.0	105%	5.46
	26	128.0	157.2	81%	5.48
Year to date		7650.5	7713.6	99%	
December	3		157.5		
	10		158.5		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 28-NOV-2005 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A					COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS		WTD AVG LDS	
Chicago	56.00-59.00	59.86	38	:	61.45 73	
Los Angeles	79.00	76.77	52	:	71.90 131	
New York	58.00-61.00	59.08	24		61.73 57	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS Change from

	21-NOV-2005	21-NOV-2005	29-NOV-2004
66.03	86	66.89	68.43
NUMBER OF LOAD	S 572		

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH WEIGHTED AVERAGE LOADS

November 66.95 2361.20

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB. DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10.000 LB LOTS)

LD, DELIVERED (WIII VIIVION	vi 10,000 ED	LO 10)		
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2	WTD	LBS		
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-91	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-88	86	86.00	280
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-88	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	84-85	84	84.00	80
CENTRAL REGION	83-85	84	84.00	200
WESTERN REGION	84-85	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.
2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.
5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

				Processed other
	F	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	11/28/0	3,413	33,334	75,223
AM	11/01/0	3,885	81,804	63,547
CHG		-472	-48470	11676
PCT	CHG	-12%	-59%	18%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7	oounds and up)* Final Pric	ce, Generally fo	r slaugh-
ter the week of 28	B-NOV-05		WTD
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.47
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.41
(1) At Farm Buye	r Loading (2) At Farm Prod	ducer Loading	
*Weights under 7	' lbs. subject to discount.	_	

<u>LIGHT TYPE</u> Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

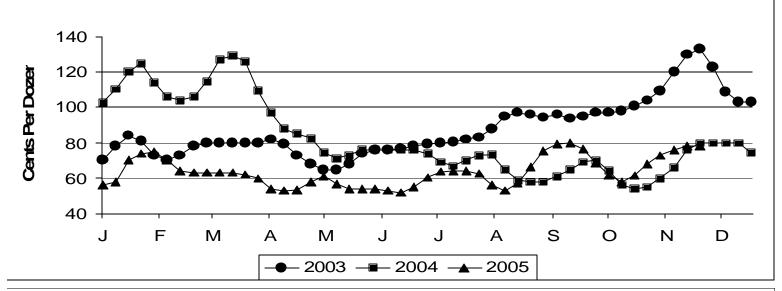
25-NOV-05	. ,	IOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-13	8-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-11	6-9

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT W/E 26-Nov-2005 CASES		(Receipts From	n Produce CHANGE I	,	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY		
North Atlantic	219.4	1	0		
East North Central	597.7	-10	-4		
West North Centra	l 279.6	-12	-5		
South Atlantic	212.8	3	-8		
South Central	62.2	-7	-11		
West	201.0	-2	5		
Total	1568.2	-1	-4		
Matched Plants re	porting	84	84		
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)					
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)					
South Atlantic (SC,NO	C,VA,GA,FL,KY)	South Central (TN,	AL,AR,MS,C	OK)	

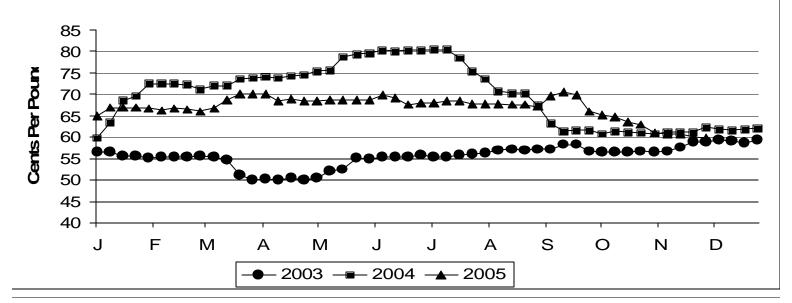
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West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

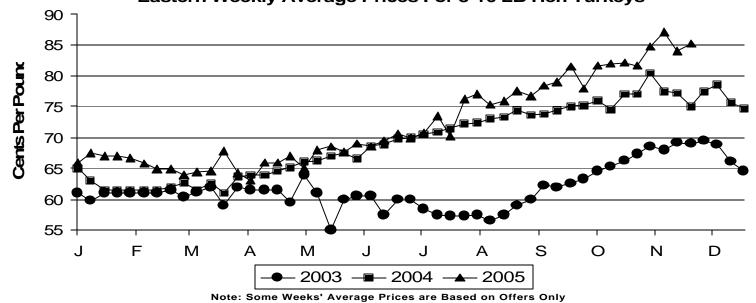
New York Large Weekly Average Price











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